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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents

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In reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 01, 2007 in the above identified patent application, kindly consider the following.

This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action, thereby extending the period of reply to December 1, 2007.

Furthermore, this response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally.

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